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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial XXX Complete Exploration

Inspection Date: 11/05/2002 / Time: 9 AM-1 PM

Date of Last Inspection: 10/25,28/2002

Mine Name: Willow Creek Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: C/007/038

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Plateau Mining Corporation

Business Address: P.O. Box 30, Helper, Utah 84526

Company Official(s): Mr. John Borla, P.E. State Official(s): Peter Hess

Federal Official(s): Stan Perkes, George Tetreault, Jeff McKenzie, BLM, Salt Lake & Price Office

Weather Conditions: Sunny / clear; temperature in fifties Fahrenheit

Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep Plant Other

Existing Acreage: Permitted 14670 Disturbed 161.55 Regraded Seeded

Status: Active

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INSPECTION REPORT
(Continuation Sheet)

PERMIT NUMBER: C/007/038

DATE OF INSPECTION: 11/05/2002

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

Note: An underground inspection of the Willow Creek Mine was conducted to determine if any mining related materials that are to be sealed within the mine could have a potential affect on ground water quality. The inspection is considered necessary in order to provide documentation regarding potential affects on the ground water regime within the permit area. This determination is part of the lease relinquishment process.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

As noted in several previous inspection reports, the permittee has been extracting mining machinery from the Willow Creek Mine for several months. Today's inspection revealed that the two remaining belt drives that remained in need of extraction during the Bureau of Land Management's last underground visit have been removed.

The following areas of the mine were examined; the continuous miner development sections in the mains, the two belt drive locations, the de-gasification pipe / seal interface in the D-2 panel tailgate, the location of the two in-mine "K" seam dewatering boreholes, and the eight seal locations (3 at the base of the air shaft, 5 seals in the main entries). Seal #'s 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 have been completed. Seal #3 has a face fan operating through an opening, although the main fan is still operating. It is the permittee's intent to shut down the main fan on November 06, 2002, and begin the extraction of that ventilating machinery from the shaft collar. The permittee has made arrangements with Nielsen Construction to haul reject from the BTU resource recovery project (School House Canyon) to begin backfilling the airshaft as soon as the fan has been removed.

All machinery had been extracted from the mine; with the exception of a three-wheeled trickle duster in one of the continuous miner sections. Mr. Borla instructed several employees to remove this upon returning to the outside.

A steel cabinet containing grease tubes was discovered at the second of the two belt drive locations. This will be removed to the surface as well.

The following materials will be sealed within the mine: water hose, high voltage cable, communication lines, a steel back board at the lower belt transfer point, aluminum pipe of various diameters, timbers, crib blocks, assorted steel (grating, roof bolts, hand rails, overcast arches, and galvanized sheeting). The volumes of each of these types of material are unknown.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Peter Hess #46

Date: November 22, 2002

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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